



The Energizer

MAY 2020 | STEUBEN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

OFFICE LOCATIONS

Bath District Office
9 Wilson Ave
Bath, NY 14810
(607) 776-4161
(800) 843-3414

Cherry Creek District
5966 South Rd
Cherry Creek, NY 14723
(716) 296-5651
(800) 883-8236

OFFICE HOURS

Bath District Office
Monday - Friday
7:30 am - 4:00 pm

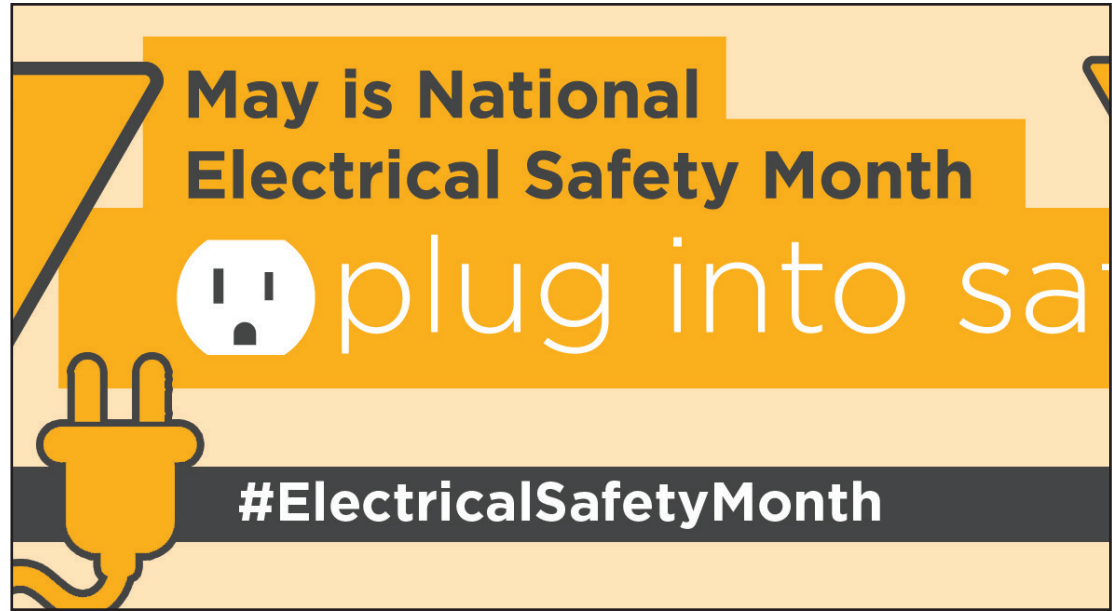
Cherry Creek District Office
Monday - Friday
7:00 am - 3:30 pm

BOARD
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DIRECTORS

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District 1 - James McCormick
District 2 - Janice Hoad
District 3 - Joseph Hauryski
District 4 - Gary Brockway
District 5 - Gerald Chase Jr.
District 6 - Gordon Foster
District 7 - Robert Nichols
District 8 - Randy Stankey
District 9 - William Moss III

May is National Electrical Safety Month - Safety Starts With You



Electricity plays many roles in our lives, from powering baby monitors, cell phones and lighting, to running HVAC systems and appliances. No wonder we get so comfortable with its instant availability when we flip a switch, we expect most systems or devices to do the job.

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and here at Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, we think it's a great time to look around your home and check for potential safety hazards. This month, make electrical safety a priority. Help your family avoid dangerous situations by taking a few easy precautions.

Make sure to turn off and unplug. Appliances, tools and other devices are still connected to electricity when they are plugged in. Turn off, then un-

plug all portable electric devices when you're finished using them. When unplugging, make sure to hold the plug, not the cord. Also, never touch electrical appliances with wet hands or use them near sinks, tubs, toilets or showers.

Be smart about outlets. Don't overload power outlets, power strips or surge protectors, and use bulbs that match the wattage indicated on light fixtures. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets should be used in any area where water and electricity may come into contact, including kitchens, bathrooms, garages and outdoors, and should be tested monthly to ensure they are working properly.

Use extension cords properly. Extension cords should only be used temporarily. Inspect elec-

trical cords often for broken connectors or fraying. Throw away worn cords to eliminate the possibility of shock, short circuit or fire. Don't attempt to repair damaged cords with tape.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is a non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety. Each year, electrical malfunctions account for 35,000 home fires causing over 1,130 injuries, 500 deaths and \$1.4 billion in property damage.

SREC is dedicated to educating members about electrical safety, and to providing you with electricity that is as safe and reliable as possible. For more safety tips and information, visit www.steubenrec.coop or follow us on Facebook.

CALL 811 Before You Dig

Whether you are landscaping, building a fence or a deck, or installing a pool, no project that involves digging is too small or insignificant.

811 is the number to call before you begin any digging project. 811 was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on projects. Make the call and you'll be notified of any dangers lurking underground. Once you provide your name, phone number, proposed digging time and location, utility companies will mark the location of their underground services for FREE.

The depth and placement of utility lines can vary for a number of reasons, including erosion, previous digging projects, and uneven surfaces. Making assumptions about where the utility lines are under your property can be extremely dangerous. Striking a single line can result in injury, significant repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages for you and your neighbors.

If you are planning to dig on your property

for any reason, state law requires you to place a location request with Dig Safely New York at least two (2) full working days, but no more than 10 working days, before beginning your project, to ensure all underground utility lines are properly marked by their owners. Working days are defined as weekdays (Monday through Friday), excluding holidays.

811 is available by calling 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also fill out an online locate request at www.digsafelynewyork.com.



National Lineman Appreciation Day

National Lineman Appreciation Day is a time to express our utmost appreciation to the great men and women that work so hard for us every day. It's our honor to celebrate the hard work, innovation, and dedication of Electrical Lineworkers.

Imagine waking up to a phone call in the middle of the night. Rain is coming down and the wind is howling, but you're ready and willing to brave the storm to do your job. This scenario is a reality for the linemen who serve Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative and other electric cooperatives around the country.

On April 18th, 2020 we honored these hard-working individuals who often work around the clock away from their families, sometimes in difficult and dangerous conditions to keep the lights on in our homes and businesses. Whether they're restoring power after a storm or maintaining critical infrastructure to the electric system, lineworkers are at the heart of the electric grid. And while peo-



ple may occasionally see lineworkers working near their home, they often take for granted the steady flow of electricity they enjoy daily without thinking about the work that goes into making it possible.

Steuben Rural Electric invites our members to take a moment to thank a lineman for the work they do. If you use electricity, then a lineman has had an impact on your life.

#ThankALineman

NEW PAY BY PHONE

NEW SECURE AUTOMATED PAY-BY-PHONE SYSTEM

Payments can now be made over the phone through the Co-op's Interactive Voice Recognition System which offers you a secure and convenient payment method by phone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

With IVR you can pay your bill anytime, check your account balance, change your phone number, store payment information and sign up for automatic payments through your credit/debit card.

How do I use the Secure Payments/IVR system? If you want to make a payment on your electric bill over the phone call (607) 776-4161 or (800) 843-3414. To make a payment with the automated system, you must first have your account number found on your Steuben Rural Cooperative electric bill. Full and partial payments are accepted. The IVR system is automated and all of your personal information, such as credit card and payment amount, will be entered by you. If storing payment information or signing up for automatic payments, you will need to create a pin number. At any time, you may hang up and this will discontinue the phone call. There is no additional fee for this service.

We will be happy to answer any questions about this new service. Please contact our office for assistance at (607) 776-4161 or (800) 843-3414.



Cooperative News

Operations Update

Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative will be rebuilding nearly 6 miles of sub-transmission line from our Bath substation to our Quarry Substation. This rebuild is necessary to ensure the reliability of the Quarry substation, which serves the Towns of Bath, Howard and Cameron. A construction bid has been awarded and the project is expected to begin in the first part of June 2020. As always, landowners will be informed prior to construction taking place on their property.

In addition to the sub-transmission line rebuild, the Cooperative will also be reconducting a 15-mile section of line that feeds County Route 10 and neighboring areas in the Towns of Bath and Cameron. This project will be performed in conjunction with the sub-transmission line rebuild and is expected to begin in the late summer or early fall of 2020.

Our right-of-way clearing program will be working in the Towns of Hornell, Howard, Bath and Cameron in our Bath District. Right-of-way clearing crews will be transitioning over to Cherry Creek in the second quarter of 2020 and will be

working in the Towns of New Albion, Leon and Napoli.

As a reminder for our membership, the Cooperative has modified its operating procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 cases in our service territories. As a result, the Cooperative closed both branch offices to outside traffic for payments and non-emergency related walk-ins. Payments for electric service can be made in the following manner: secured automated phone system by calling (607)776-4161 or (800)843-3414, the Cooperative's SmartHub account management system by visiting <https://steubenrec.smarthub.coop>, using the Cooperative's SmartHub mobile app, cash payments using the drop box at either office location or check payments through the drop box or by mail.

The Cooperative will also be limiting maintenance activities performed by field workers that are identified as high risk. Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative will continue to reevaluate this fluid situation when the state of emergency in each of our service territories is lifted.

New York Power Authority Contract

As many members are aware, approximately 85% of Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative's purchased power comes from the New York Power Authority's Robert Moses Niagara Power Plant. The Robert Moses Niagara Power Plant was constructed by the New York Power Authority between 1959 and 1961. Today, the Robert Moses Niagara Power Plant consists of 13 generators with a combined maximum output of 2,675 megawatts. Approximately 765 megawatts of the total capacity of the plant is contractually allocated to 51 municipal and rural electric cooperative systems in New York.

The existing contract between the New York Power Authority and Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative was set to expire in 2025. The contract extension, negotiated between the New York Power Authority and 51 municipal and rural electric cooperative systems, was approved by the New York Power Authority's Board of Trustees and signed by the Governor in late 2019. We are thrilled to report that this contract was approved and signed by the Cooperative's Board of Directors on February 19, 2020. The new contract will continue the sale of approximately 765 megawatts

of low-cost hydropower.

This contract extension is a monumental achievement which provides price stability to the Cooperative and its members for the next 20 years. The new contract continues the sale of this hydropower at cost-based rates. Access to this low-cost energy is the lifeblood of Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative. The average savings over the past three years has been approximately \$1,850,000 per year in comparison to purchasing wholesale power on the open market.

In addition to providing price stability to the membership, the new contract ensures the Cooperative's continued commitment towards its clean energy goals and secures approximately 85% of Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative's power supply portfolio to be delivered in the form of clean renewable hydropower.

Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors and management team would like to express our appreciation to the New York Power Authority for their support of our membership. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the New York Power Authority for the next 20 years.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As a member-owner of Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, you can vote for or run for a term on the Board of Directors. Districts 3,4 and 6 are scheduled for election at the October 2020 annual meeting.

The committee on nominations is tasked to find candidates who would make qualified directors. This is done through a meeting of the committee in which members of the committee discuss potential candidates that will accept the responsibilities of a board position, represent the interest of the cooperative's membership and meet the requirements outlined by Steuben Rural Electric and its bylaws.

Members interested in being nominated for one of the districts listed below should contact the Bath office at (607) 776-4161 or (800) 843-3414 for more information regarding the committee, nominations and qualifications of directors. 93905

District 3:

Urbana, Wayne, Bradford, Hornby, Orange

Incumbent Director:

Joseph Hauryski

Nominating Committee Member:

Camelia Oswald

District 4:

Bath

Incumbent Director:

Gary Brockway

Nominating Committee Member:

Mr. Walt Longwell

District 6:

Thurston, Campbell, Rathbone

Incumbent Director:

Gordon Foster

Nominating Committee Member:

Mr. Willard A. Caudill



**NOMINATIONS
NOW OPEN**

THE TRADING POST

For Sale: 3 Point Hitch 14", One Bottom Plow - \$400.00; 3 Point Hitch, PTO Shaft 40" Rotary Tiller - \$1000.00. Call 607-794-3388.

For Sale: 55 Gal. Metal Barrels - \$18.00 each; 18"x52" Above Ground Swimming Pool with Everything - \$400.00; Concrete Parking Lot Bumpers, 7' Long - \$15.00. Call 607-661-6348.

For Sale: Strike Master Ice Auger, 8" Hole w/ 5 Rods & Reels and 10 Pop-Ups - \$150.00; Winter Quest 14' Canoe - \$125.00; Left-Handed Rebel XT 60 lb. Bow - \$125.00. Call 607-377-2546.

For Sale: 3 Bottom 16" New Board Point Shin; (1) 5' Snow Blower; (1) Grass Seeder, 3

Point Hitch. Call 607-368-9377.

For Sale: Hay Sq. Bales, 1st Cutting \$3.00 and 2nd Cutting \$4.00; Big Round Bales \$30.00; Straw \$3.00 Sq. Bale; Big Round Bale, Size 6x6, 1500 Pounds \$30.00. Call 607-695-2689.

For Sale: A-5 Browning 12 Gauge; H&R Ultra 20 Gauge with 1.75x5 Red Field Scope; 3 Point Scoop; Boom for Small Tractor; Makings for a people trailer. Call 607-382-6233.

For Sale: Animal lures & baits, deer lures & cover scents, hunting/trapping supplies. Supply catalog - \$1.00. Bill Russ Trading Post Store, 25 William St, Addison, N.Y.

For Sale: Trapping supplies. Grandview Fur Center in Bradford, N.Y. Call Bill Bowdoin at 607-583-4600.

Free: Parkard Upright Piano, Good Condition. Call 716-969-5024.

Wanted: Raw fur and deer hides. Grandview Fur Center in Bradford, N.Y. Call Bill Bowdoin at 607-583-4600.

Wanted: Oliver Tractor for Parts. Call 607-695-2689.



Who may submit ads? Only members of SREC may submit ads. Submit ads by the 20th of January, April, July and November to be printed in the next issue of The Energizer. You can submit ads by mailing them to Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, 9 Wilson Ave, Bath, NY 14810 or by email to kcleland@steubenrec.com.

Disclaimer: Items in the Trading Post are published at the request of our members. SREC does not endorse, recommend or assume any responsibility for the products advertised. The co-op also reserves the right to edit material for content and/or space as necessary. 694200

Generator Safety Tips

- ✓ Never connect a standby generator into your home's electrical system.
- ✓ Set up and run your generator outside the home away from the garage, doors, windows and vents.
- ✓ Use a heavy-duty extension cord to connect appliances directly into the generator's outlet.
- ✓ Start the generator first before connecting appliances.



Source: SafeElectricity.org



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 25 - Memorial Day
 July 3 - Independence Day
 September 7 - Labor Day
 October 12 - Columbus Day
 November 11 - Veterans Day

THIRD PARTY NOTIFICATION

In accordance with the provisions of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative is required to permit a residential customer to designate, in writing, a third party to receive a copy of every notice of discontinuance of service to the customer, provided that such third party indicated in writing a willingness to receive such notices. If you wish to designate a third party to receive these notices, please contact the main office at (607) 776-4161 for a copy of the applicable paperwork.



\$10 IS HIDING IN THIS ISSUE

Please read your newsletter carefully. If you spot your account number hidden in this newsletter, please contact Steuben Rural Electric immediately to claim a \$10 credit on your bill!



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